

is an amendment which was discussed with Senator Conway and was before the Judiciary Committee and before Senator Conway for over six weeks. The amendment which is now before you was at no time ever distributed to any members of the Judiciary Committee and it simply was attached onto LB 261 without any discussion. My amendment came out of a meeting between Senator Conway and myself, and Dean Perlman from the Law School, and at no time did Senator Conway or anyone else connected with "Project Justice" wish to sit down and discuss that amendment with me or with Dean Perlman. I would again urge this body to support the ruling of the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of closing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate closes. Senator Conway, would you care to close on your motion to override?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think there are a couple of things important to follow up, and particularly on some of the comments made by Senator McFarland relative to LB 425 because that is intricately involved in what this is all about. LB 425 did go through a lengthy hearing. It was six and a half hours long as he described. Following that hearing, it was a very emotional hearing presented by both sides, following that hearing the very next day we went into Executive Session. I was informed by the Chairman at that point, prior to going into that meeting, that we would not have an Executive Session on LB 425. Subsequently, walking into the hearing, into the Executive Session, a motion was made to kill 425. It was seconded. There was little or no discussion associated with that kill motion, and 425 was killed. I came back to the committee and I suggested to the committee that since it did not have adequate discussion that I would like a reconsideration, and they respectfully granted me that. It was not two weeks in deliberation, but we had one week in deliberation of which I happened to be missing two days of that week. Senator Ashford, who I was going to negotiate with, I believe was missing three days of that week. We had one momentary discussion that lasted about an hour discussing some alternatives. We met the very next day and said did we have a compromise ironed out and the response was no, and a motion was made to kill 425 again. There was never any discussion of 425, the merits thereof, or anything